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***SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
No. 676***

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Secretary

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. MIKE THOMPSON OF HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING NAMED STATE VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR 2016 BY THE MISSISSIPPI VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, Dr. Mike Thompson has been named Veterinarian of the Year 2016 by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association in an announcement at the annual conference on the Mississippi State University Campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has enjoyed a long and successful career in Veterinary Medicine. He became interested in animals and their care while growing up on a farm in Benton County. His parents are Ophelia and the late LÉJ Thompson. He graduated from Hickory Flat Attendance Center in 1981 as Valedictorian and Star Student. He enrolled in Mississippi State University, and was accepted to Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine when he was 19. Mike graduated veterinary school in 1987, where he was awarded the Gentle Doctor Award and the Leon Turner Award; and

WHEREAS, after practicing in Ripley, Tennessee, and Tupelo, Mississippi, Mike moved to Holly Springs, where he has worked with David Childers at Willow Bend Animal Clinic since 1991. He and Dr. Childers have owned practices in Ripley and New Albany as well. He was awarded the Young Veterinarian of the Year Award by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mike became Board Certified in Theriogenology, making him a Specialist in Reproductive Medicine. He has since taught classes and given lectures nationwide on the subject of Veterinary Reproduction, and has also chaired regional and national conferences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson is currently President of the Society for Theriogenology, and was named Veterinarian of the Year for the State of Mississippi in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mike is married to Terry Gabbert Thompson, his wife of 30 years. Their children are Dr. Rebecca Wright and her husband, Andy, and Josh Thompson. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Holly Springs where he is a Deacon, Choir Member and teaches Sunday School; and

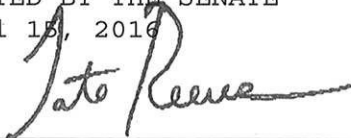
WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson always strives to practice quality medicine. He consistently goes the extra mile to provide the best care for his patients. The driving force behind his commitment is not only the patient and his desire to "find the answer," but also his very obvious concern. When clients present their beloved pets and livestock to Dr. Thompson, they know these animals are in the

most caring of hands, and it is with great pride that we join the veterinary profession in Mississippi in recognizing this respected citizen:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Mike Thompson of Holly Springs, Mississippi, upon being named State Veterinarian of the Year 2016 by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, and extend our best wishes to him and his family at this auspicious event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Dr. Thompson, forwarded to the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
April 15, 2016

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
April 19, 2016

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES